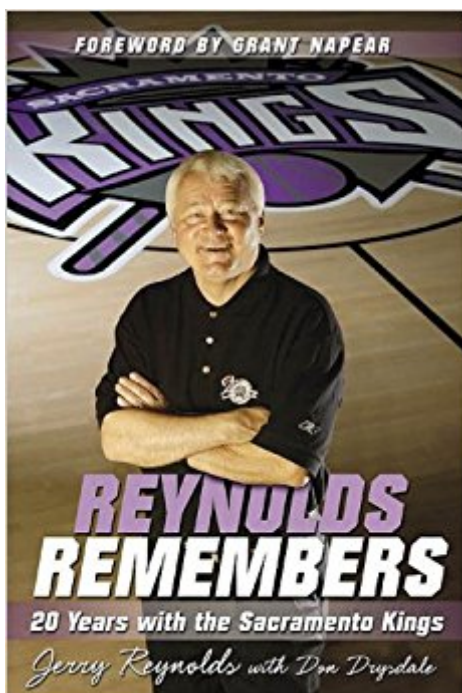


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Reynolds Remembers: 20 Years With The Sacramento Kings



Synopsis

Jerry Reynolds was country before country was cool. He also was part of the Sacramento Kings before that was cool. The Kings are celebrating their 20th season in California's capital, and Jerry has been there from the start. Quietly, he has been instrumental in the team's growth from a shoestring operation that couldn't compete to a model NBA franchise that is always on the short list of title contenders. He has been a first-hand witness of the league's evolution from Bird and Magic, to Jordan, to LeBron and Yao Ming. Jerry Reynolds has been a human Swiss Army Knife? serving the Kings as a scout, assistant coach, head coach, player personnel director, general manager, and television analyst. Because he has held so many positions in the Kings' front office the last two decades, Jerry has a unique perspective on how the Kings have evolved. For those who've been on the Kings bandwagon only the last few years, it wasn't always C-Webb, Peja, and Bibby.

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Customer Reviews

In his twentieth season as part of the Sacramento Kings, Jerry Reynolds serves as the director of player personnel as well as television analyst. A longtime college coach, Jerry joined the team's staff when the Kings moved from Kansas City to Sacramento in 1985 as an assistant coach to Phil Johnson. After coaching the team himself for a year, he served as an assistant to Bill Russell. He replaced Russell as head coach before moving into the Kings' front office in 1988. Jerry also served as general manager of the WNBA Sacramento Monarchs for six seasons. In other words, he has done it all in pro basketball. Jerry and his wife, Dodie, reside in Roseville, California. They have a son, Jay, and a daughter, Danielle. An award-winning sports writer, Don Drysdale covered the

Sacramento Kings from their arrival in Sacramento in 1985 until 1994 for the Sacramento Union. He also worked for the Marin Independent Journal and the Oakland Tribune and has written about basketball for numerous magazines. He lives in Sacramento with his wife Liz, son Donald, and daughter Cassie.

The man is a Sacramento treasure. When the new arena gets finished, they should make a statue of him outside the arena. He is such a great human being that you can't say enough good things about. When I went to UC Davis in the late 1980's, I had the opportunity to be a sports intern at KCRA and I went to over 25 Kings games. This past week, I took my son up to a game at the old Arco Arena (it will always be that to me) and went down to the court and asked him if I could take a picture with him. He graciously said yes and when I told him I interviewed him after Kings games when I was interned, he looked at me and smiled and said I thought you looked familiar. Now he might have been saying that to be nice but when I told him about a game early in the '88 season when the Kings lost because an opponent hit a three pointer at the buzzer to tie the game but his foot was clearly on the line, he remembered with crystal clear accuracy that it was Fat Lever of the Denver Nuggets. I was amazed at his memory. I bought the book last year and it's full of great stories of the Sacramento Kings and all the ups and downs of the franchise. I grew up and still live in the Bay Area and I'm a big Warriors fan but the Kings will always have a special place in my heart and part of the reason for that is the unique family chemistry of the organization and how Jerry Reynolds is a big part of that. Highly recommend the book. If you have any interest in the Kings, the book is a must.

Like Jerry Reynolds and enjoyed the book

Because i love basketball - and because i love the kings - this is great background and personal stories of the Kings.

Love reading the stories of the kings past, he does a great job. it was nice hearing about the glory days

A must have for any real kings fans. Its a very entertaining and insightful read. Jerry is a terrific story teller.

Remember that? This is a must read/item for those that have lived the history. If you've been part of the ride, then you know the story. But Jerry Reynolds has filled in the blanks with information that you could only get from... well, from Jerry Reynolds: The front office background on the Terry Tyler and Derek Smith trades; Bobby Hurley's potential and toughness; the head coach candidates; actual Bill Russell conversations (apparently he could talk... and laugh). What? We could have "stole" Detlef Schrempf!?!? The book even helped explain my "unique" encounter with Jawann Oldham on the day he was cut loose by the Kings. Aside from all the great Kings gems that have been unearthed, there is some foreground on Jerry himself as well as documentation of his "rise" up the organization. Like everyone else, I would have liked for the book to be longer--182 pages for 20 years is just not enough. Oh well, Reynolds Remembers is a great and easy read, but to the Kings fan, it's truly great literature--the man did minor in English after all.

This was an enjoyable and insightful look into the Sacramento Kings. I was actually disappointed that the book was so short, but I'm sure this was done to not scare off sports fans who are afraid to pick up thick books. An extra hundred pages or so would have added more detail... but maybe that can be in a sequel. All told the stories were interesting and quite humorous. Reynolds also offers serious insight into the game itself and I especially enjoyed his take on the East Coast media "experts". If you're an old Kings fan you'll laugh out loud as names from the past refresh themselves. And if you're a newer fan who thinks 50 win seasons are not up to snuff then you owe it to yourself to pick this up to see how things used to be not so long ago. Overall it's a terrific book for a true hoops fan.

I found this to be a quick and easy read. If you are a Kings fan and have followed the team for any number of years you will see many familiar names throughout the book. From Reggie Theus to Jason Williams, it's all there. The best parts of the book focused on the numerous stories that documented how sad the Kings really were from 1986 to 1998. New Kings fans will be surprised at how far the Kings have come in such a short period of time. Reynolds recalls the 2002 Lakers Kings playoff series with vivid detail, including his accounts of Game 5 and the infamous game 7 at Arco Arena. It would have been nice to hear more stories but this is a fun, fast paced, and quick read. I read it in one sitting and figure to buy some for Kings fans during the holiday season.

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